



Transportation Update

April 2002

CMA Board Approves Funding for Clean Air Program

At its April meeting, the CMA approved the 2002-03 program for the Transportation Fund for Clean Air. A four-dollar per vehicle annual registration fee is levied by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District to fund this program. The CMA administers 40% of the funds received in Alameda County. The 2002-03 program, which totals \$3.1 million, includes:

- Bike projects in Berkeley, Emeryville, Livermore, and Hayward
- Bus access at Coliseum BART
- Bus platforms in the Cherryland area
- The regional ridesharing program
- Ridesharing programs in Berkeley and Pleasanton
- Signal interconnection in San Leandro
- A CNG facility in Union City
- AC Transit's student bus pass program
- The Guaranteed Ride Home program
- AC Transit's transit information project
- LAVTA's bus signal priority and vehicle locator project

Annual Evaluation of Guaranteed Ride Home Program Completed

At its April meeting, the CMA received the annual evaluation report on its Guaranteed Ride Home Program, including recommendations on the demonstration car rental program and a comprehensive marketing program. Copies of the report are available at the CMA's offices.

California Transportation Commission Approves STIP

The California Transportation Commission approved the 2002 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) on April 4th including over \$100 million in projects in Alameda County. These projects include:

- AC Transit projects totaling \$16.5 million -- facility upgrades, communication systems, Bus Rapid Transit analysis Phase 2, bus acquisition, and wheelchair securement retrofit
- BART projects totaling \$12.5 million -- fare collection machine modernization, subway repair, platform tile replacement, transit vehicle rehab
- \$22.2 million for the BART Oakland Airport Connector
- \$4 million for a new facility for Wheels
- \$1.4 million for Vasco Rd. safety improvements
- Various local road improvements in Dublin, Emeryville, Oakland and Alameda totaling \$10.6 million
- Highway noise barriers in Oakland, Berkeley, San Leandro and Livermore totaling \$10 million
- \$3 million for the Emeryville Amtrak station
- \$3.3 million for Union City's intermodal center at the BART station
- \$10 million for improvements at the Mission Blvd. Interchange with I-880
- \$1.3 million for engineering studies of carpool lane improvements approaching the Dumbarton Bridge

- \$6.8 million for railroad grade separations in Fremont
- \$1.3 million for a carpool lane extension on I-80 near the Bay Bridge
- \$150,000 for a park at I-80 in Albany

The CTC also approved the CMA's request to advance \$15.8 million in 2004 STIP County Share funds for the BART Oakland Airport Connector and approved interregional program funding as follows:

- \$4.2 million for the Emeryville Amtrak station
- \$1 million for an Altamont Commuter Express siding in the Livermore Valley
- \$1.2 million for additional parking at the Centerville rail station in Fremont
- \$10 million for the BART Oakland Airport Connector

Tempering this good news, projects will receive funding in later years than originally requested due to the economy.

Caltrans Provides Overview of Projects in Alameda County

At the April meeting, Caltrans provided the CMA Board with the status of key projects in Alameda County. Schedule information was displayed on four maps covering the county. Follow-up presentations are expected to discuss overlapping construction activities and other matters.

Legislation

AB 1058 (Pavley). This bill would require the California Air Resources Board to adopt regulations to reduce green house gasses emitted by passenger vehicles and light-duty trucks. The CMA is seeking amendments to AB 1058 (Pavley) to clarify that the bill applies to tailpipe emissions.

SB 1262 (Torlakson). This bill would require that 5% of the funds available from STIP County Shares be used for incentives that promote linkages between land development and transportation. The CMA opposes this bill unless it is amended to make the provisions of the bill voluntary and at the discretion of each county and to require consultation among the cities, County and transit operators.

SB 1636 (Figueroa). This bill would amend the congestion management program law by exempting an infill opportunity zone, which the bill would define, from the level of service standards of the CMP. The CMA supports this bill in concept.

Deadlines to Note

Federal Funding Programs – Delivery Deadlines

Projects programmed with Cycle II TEA-21 funds must have obligated these funds by September 30, 2002. Failure to comply with this deadline could result in the loss of funds programmed to the project. Sponsors with projects that may have problems with this deadline should contact CMA staff immediately.

Upcoming Meetings

May	7	CMA Technical Advisory Committee
	8/9	CTC (Sacramento)
	9	San Pablo Ave Policy Advisory Committee
	13	CMA Administration & Legislation Committee
	13	CMA Plans & Programs Committee
	20	Altamont Commuter Express (ACE) Board
	23	CMA Board Meeting

June	4	<i>CMA Technical Advisory Committee</i>
	10	<i>CMA Administration & Legislation Committee</i>
	10	<i>CMA Plans & Programs Committee</i>
	12/13	<i>CTC (San Bernardino)</i>
	<i>tbd</i>	<i>I-680 Corridor Policy Advisory Committee</i>
	17	<i>Altamont Commuter Express (ACE) Board</i>
	18	<i>I-580 Corridor Policy Advisory Committee</i>
	27	<i>CMA Board Meeting</i>

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